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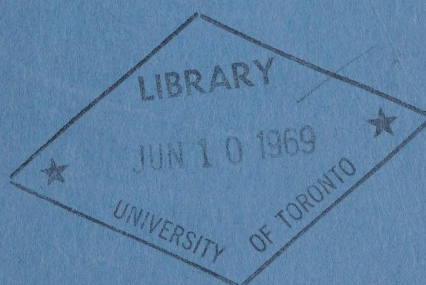
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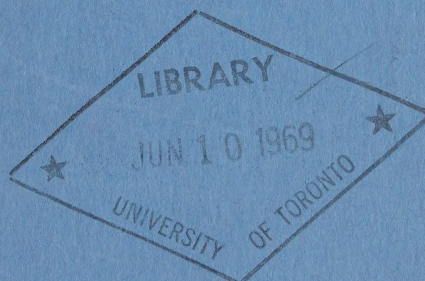
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Mr. W. T. McGrath, Ottawa -
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The Canadian Committee on Corrections has from time to time been in consultation with the undersigned and with officials in the Department. Also included in the responsibilities of the Department is the implementation of the Report of the Department of Justice Committee on Juvenile Delinquency as well as matters relating to pardons and the exercise of the Prerogative of Mercy.

The Canadian Committee on Corrections was appointed by the Minister of Justice in May of 1965 with terms of reference as follows:

To study the broad field of corrections, in its widest sense, from the initial investigation of an offence through to the final discharge of a prisoner from imprisonment or parole, including such steps and measures as arrest, summoning, bail, representation in Court, conviction, probation, sentencing, training, medical and psychiatric attention, release, parole, pardon, post release supervision and guidance and rehabilitation; to recommend as conclusions are reached, what changes, if any, should be made in the law and practice relating to these matters in order better to assure the protection of the individual and, where possible, his rehabilitation, having in mind always adequate protection for the community; and to consider and recommend upon any matters necessarily ancillary to the foregoing and such related matters as may later be referred to the Committee; but excluding consideration of specific offences except where such consideration bears directly upon any of the above-mentioned matters.

The Committee is composed as follows:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Roger Ouimet,
Montreal -
Chairman of the Committee

Mr. G. Arthur Martin, Q.C., Toronto -
Vice-Chairman of the Committee

Mr. W. T. McGrath, Ottawa -
Member of the Committee and Head of
the Secretariat

Mrs. Dorothy McArton, Winnipeg -
Member of the Committee

Mr. J. R. Lemieux, Valleyfield -
Member of the Committee

The Committee is assisted by a panel of twenty-five consultants drawn from the different disciplines to which the work of the Committee relates. During the fiscal year 1966-1967 the Committee pursued its work with the object of completing its work and making its report during or soon after the end of, the fiscal year 1967-68.

The Department of Justice Committee on Juvenile Delinquency was appointed by the Minister of Justice on November 6, 1961 with terms of reference as follows:

- (a) inquire into and report upon the nature and extent of the problem of juvenile delinquency in Canada;
- (b) hold discussions with appropriate representatives of provincial governments with the object of finding ways and means of ensuring effective co-operation between federal and provincial governments acting within their respective constitutional jurisdiction; and
- (c) make recommendations concerning steps that might be taken by the Parliament and Government of Canada to meet the problem of juvenile delinquency in Canada.

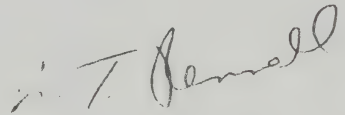
The Committee was composed as follows:

Allen J. MacLeod
L. Philippe Gendreau
Mary Lou Lynch
Ronald R. Price
Edwin W. Willes

The Committee made its Report in 1965 and the Report was tabled in the House of Commons on February 7, 1966.

During the fiscal year 1966-1967 the Report was studied in the Department of the Solicitor General and a beginning was made upon the work of revising the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

I would like to record my appreciation to all members of the staff and to all agencies and committees of the Department for their loyalty and devotion to duty during the past year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. T. Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J. T." and the last name "Bennett" clearly distinguishable.

Solicitor General of Canada

January 15, 1968.

